(b) whether Government is also aware of the fact that big cities of India are in the range of atomic missile of Pakistan; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to deal with such situation?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Government is aware of reports, including by the Federation of American Scientists, on Pakistan's development of a nuclear-capable, medium range ballistic missile known as Shaheen-II. The reports claim that the missile has a range of 2000-2500 km.

(c) Government carefully monitors all such developments which have a bearing on national security and is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard it.

Law for illegal immigrants

1145. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a legislation targeting India and seven other countries which allegedly refuse to take back illegal immigrants convicted of crimes in the U.S. has been introduced in the House of Representatives, U.S.;

(b) if so, whether this law would take serious action against the illegal Indians working in U.S.;

(c) whether India is also considering to have such a law so that all migrants who are overstaying in India could be sent back to their countries; and

(d) if so, by what time final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) A House Bill H.R.5761, proposing to withhold Federal financial assistance from countries that deny or unreasonably delay acceptance of their nationals who have been ordered removed from the United States-and to prohibit issue of visas to nationals of such countries, was introduced in the US House of Representatives on 10 April 2008. The proposed legislation is not specific to any country but of general application. A procedure for repatriation of Indian illegally staying in the USA and ordered to be deported from that country has been put in place and issue of travel documents to such individuals by Government of India is currently under process.

(c) No, Sir. Presently the Foreigners Act, 1946 has adequate provisions to deal with deportation of foreigners who are found to be overstaying in India.

(d) Does not arise.

Supremacy of hyde act in Nuclear deal

†1146. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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